

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
EX PARTE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 75-2008

In re: Ethics Rules for Louisiana Public Service Commission

(Decided at the October 15, 2008 Open Session)
(Amends and supercedes Special Order 43-2003 dated September 12, 2003)

At the October 15, 2008 Business and Executive Session, on motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Field, with Commissioner Boissiere concurring, and Commissioners Blossman and Manuel dissenting, the Commission voted to enact a rule to prohibit Commissioners from holding any fundraiser on their own behalf or on behalf of any other political candidate within 72 hours before or after a regularly scheduled Business and Executive Session. Any Commissioner violating this rule is subject to a \$5,000 fine.

Special Order 43-2003 shall be changed as follows:

Numbered paragraph "3" shall now read:

3. Commissioners shall be prohibited from holding any fundraiser on their own behalf or on the behalf of any political candidate within 72 hours before or after a regularly scheduled Business & Executive Session. Any violation of this rule will be subject to a \$5,000 fine.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

December 31, 2008

/S/ JACK "JAY" A. BLOSSMAN
DISTRICT I
CHAIRMAN JACK "JAY" A. BLOSSMAN

/S/ LAMBERT C. BOISSIERE, III
DISTRICT III
VICE CHAIRMAN LAMBERT C. BOISSIERE, III

/S/ JAMES M. FIELD
DISTRICT II
COMMISSIONER JAMES M. FIELD

/S/ FOSTER L. CAMPBELL
DISTRICT V
COMMISSIONER FOSTER L. CAMPBELL


LAWRENCE C. ST. BLANC
SECRETARY

/S/ E. PAT MANUEL
DISTRICT IV
COMMISSIONER E. PAT MANUEL

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APPENDIX "A"

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(AS AMENDED 10/15/08)

All Commissioners and Commission Staff shall continue to abide by the Code of Governmental Ethics rules as set forth in Louisiana Revised Statutes 42:1101 and following, administered by the Louisiana Board of Ethics. In addition, the Commission and its Staff shall adhere to the following restrictions:

1. Commissioners shall be prohibited from accepting anything of value (including gifts, tickets, or any item), other than food and beverage or campaign contributions, from any person or entity conducting activities or operations regulated by the Commission or one employed by or representing a person or entity which has business before the Commission, or has a substantial economic interest which may be affected by the Commission; Staff shall continue to be prohibited from accepting these items, as set forth in the Statutory Ethics Rules.
2. Any person or entity conducting activities or operations regulated by the Commission or one employed by or representing a person or entity which has business before the Commission, or has a substantial economic interest which may be affected by the Commission shall now be required to report all expenditures on any meals (food and/or beverages) at which a Commissioner and/or Commission Staff is present; such report shall state the names of all persons in attendance, the amount expended, and the date of the meals. These expenditures shall be filed with the Commission on a quarterly basis.
3. Commissioners shall be prohibited from holding any fundraiser on their own behalf or on the behalf of any political candidate within 72 hours before or after a regularly scheduled Business & Executive Session. Any violation of this rule will be subject to a \$5,000 fine.
4. Commissioners shall be required to give 30 days public notice of any fundraiser occurring within 6 months before or 6 months after a Commissioner's election.
5. Commissioners and Commission Staff shall continue to be allowed to accept promotional items (writing pens, key holders, caps, etc. containing a company logo, etc.), which are considered by the Ethics rules to have no economic value.
6. This Order shall be effective immediately.